

WEATHER REPORT
SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—
California: Cloudy, unsettled weather to
night and Thursday; rain likely in
northern portions; southwesterly wind.
Sea: Fair. Temperature: Cloudy.
San Francisco, April 11.—
Cloudy, with showers this p.m.
and tonight; fair Thursday, 8 winds.

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BOERS PRESS BRITISH HARD

Gen. Cleary's Force at Elands Laagte Is a Target for the Dutch Guns and the Battle at Wepener Still Rages Fiercely—Gen. Gatacre Recalled to England



GENERAL VILLEBOIS MAREUIL
The Noted Chief of Boer Staff Killed by the British.

LONDON, April 11.—Lord Roberts' wires to the war office from Bloemfontein under date of Tuesday, April 10, are as follows:

"The enemy has been very active during the past few days. One commando is now on the north bank of Orange river, not far from Alval North, while another is attacking Wepener. The garrison there is holding out bravely and inflicted serious loss on the Boers. Major Springer, of the Cape Mounted Rifles, was killed. No other casualties have been reported as yet. The troops are being moved rapidly. A patrol of seven men of the Strength Dragoon, under Lieutenant Lumsden, which had been sent out since April 4, has returned safely."

As the foregoing dispatch does not mention the alleged British reverse on Saturday at Meerkatsfontein, the Boer telegrams are not creditable, the war office and the army further discussing on account of the discrepancies in the dispatches, as Meerkatsfontein, in one message, is located near Brandfort, and in another it is located southeast of Bloemfontein, the places being 100 miles apart.

GEN. GATACRE'S RECALL.

General Gatacre's return to England is accepted as being in the nature of a recall, though no reason is given for it, and will be associated in the public mind with the success of his mission. Roberts criticised his management of the Stormberg attack, and possibly Gatacre's having arrived an hour and a half too late to rescue the Reddersburg force may have decided his return. General Rundle seemingly succeeds General Gatacre.

The Reuter Telegraph Company's correspondent at Alval North, wiring this morning, says:

"There is no further news from Wepener. To-morrow's photograph, more British troops are arriving."

It is learned that the Boer governments have formally notified Portugal that they consider the shipping of British troops and the coming of war to Rhodesia by the Boers. Portuguese, Africa, to be tantamount to hostile action. This, however, will not stop General Sir Frederick Carrington's force from entering Rhodesia. Whether or not the Boer military residuals upon Portugal remains to be seen, but the best informed opinion here inclines to the belief that the Boers are not likely to back up their protest with action that would bring them into hostilities with still another power.

ARTILLERY DUEL AT ELANDS LAAGTE.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. LADYSMITH, Tuesday, April 10.—The Boers opened the this morning, sending shells into the British camp at Elands Laagte from three positions widely separated. The shells did no damage. The Boers made out to capture them and found the Boers in strong force well fortified. One naval 4.7 inch gun replied to the Boers, who have again placed a "Long Tom" in position.

Evening—When the Boers commenced shelling the British were drilling, and one private was killed, and another was wounded before the soldiers were withdrawn from range. Then the naval brigade opened fire and drew heavy Boer fire and two of the Boer soldiers were killed. The Boers were driven back to their positions, however, and the Boers unmasked six guns, including a hundred pounder, and shells fell in all the British camps. After a short bombardment, the British fire slackened, and the Burgesses cleared a kope on the right when a British shell fell on the spot occupied by the Boers. This intelligence is simply furnished by Mr. P. C. P. Baden-Powell, who reported to the Boer side, who reported to the British side, for whom they were.

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PRETORIA, Tuesday, April 10.—It is reported here that Colonel Baden-Powell, the British commander at Mafeking, is dead.

General Cleary directed today's operations. General Buller visited Elands Laagte

speaks distinctly of a third British defeat.

ROBERTS WARNS THE CAPE REBELS.

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Killed in action, 211 officers and 1,950 men; died of wounds, 100 officers and 460 men; deceased in prison, 100 officers and 3,722 men. Died of disease, 47 officers and 1,435 men. Accidental deaths, three officers and 34 men. Repatriated invalids, 238 officers and 4,331 men. Total, 13,365, exclusive of the sick and deceased now in the hospital. The War Office returns of casualties must be added to those of the last week and the wounded, aggregating about 10,000 men, making a grand total of upwards of 23,000 officers and men put out of action.

In a despatch to the War Office, Lord Roberts says telegrams, books, clothing and luxuries are freely distributed to the Boer prisoners in his hands; that small sums of money are given directly to the larger amounts are given through agents, redundant for distribution, and that clothing is being issued to prisoners who need it.

WEPENER FIGHT A STUBBORN ONE.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. ALVAL NORTH, April 10.—The British loss in the fighting at Wepener yesterday was eleven killed and forty-one wounded.

Fighting was resumed today. The British are holding their own well.

STRATHCONA HORSE REACH CAPE TOWN.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. MONTREAL, April 11.—A cablegram received this morning announces the arrival at Cape Town of the Strathcona Horse. All on board were well. One hundred and sixty-three horses died on the voyage.

GEN. GATACRE IS RECALLED.

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General Pole-Carew has been appointed to the command of the Eleventh Division. Several changes are likely to be made in the brigade commands.

BOERS CLAIM A GREAT VICTORY.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire. NEW YORK, April 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

"The second month of the war in South Africa opened with reports from Boer sources of another British disaster. If the news can be trusted, a terrible reverse has been inflicted upon the British arms. According to an official announcement in Pretoria, telegraphed by the British government, the British force, which had been held up by the Boers at Brandfort, in which the British suffered a loss of 600 killed and wounded, in addition to 800 captured by the Boers. This intelligence is simply furnished by Mr. P. C. P. Baden-Powell, who reported to the Boer side, who reported to the British side, for whom they were.

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BOY PLEADS FOR MERCY

Burglar Fonte Asks for Light Sentence--Gets Twelve Years.

Judge Greene this morning meted out sentences to a number of criminals who came before him for punishment for various crimes.

The severest sentence was received by Thomas H. Fonte, who pleaded guilty to the robbery of saloon-keeper Peter Christopher. He was ordered six years to Tolson prison for a series of twelve robberies.

Fonte's complices in the commission of the robbery, W. J. Downing and Ed. Scott, were given ten and twelve years respectively by Judge Greene last week.

John V. Taylor, attorney C. E. Stevens, asked permission to offer evidence in mitigation of his client's offense. The request was granted.

Jailer George V. Taylor testified that Fonte had been a model prisoner during his confinement in the county jail.

A sister of the prisoner, Mrs. E. Goulette, testified that her brother had worked in her grocery store at Benicia for four years and had always been honest. Frequently he had been put in charge of the store and had taken money to the bank. He had not worked in the store since 1894.

After the sister had concluded her testimony, Attorney Stevens made an impassioned speech in defense of Fonte. He referred in pathetic tones to the aged father, the broken-hearted mother and a consumptive sister whose dearest wish was that her brother might be spared.

"Yes, sir," he said. "I am affected so much by the disgrace brought on my family that I tried to commit suicide."

Judge Greene then asked Fonte in regard to his past record, telling him he did not need to answer if he did not choose.

"When it came to a question as to whether or not he was ever arrested outside of this city, an objection was offered by the defendant's attorney.

"The boy had seen the folly of his ways and was repented. The law

required punishment for the protection of society and the reform of the criminal. A heavy sentence to meet the ends of justice. An轻刑 shown would be gratefully received."

"Neither you nor your client seem to have appreciated the fact," said Judge Greene, "that the most potent factor in the case would be sympathy by the defendant himself. If I were convicted of a crime and felt regret in my heart, I should certainly make my own plea to the court. There is nothing to prevent me from doing so in making a statement if he so desires."

Fonte was sworn. He said: "All I have to give you, Judge, is that I would like you to give me a chance, on account of my youth. I promise to do better in the future." He was led away by his associates.

"You have a good father?" asked Judge Greene.

"He is a respected man."

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"Have you good advice?"

"Well, why did you not follow that advice?"

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The bill was preceded by an extended discussion. Mr. Grossenbacher promptly making the motion to concur and report.

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As to the final result of the vote there continues to be much doubt and not a little anxiety on the Republican side, owing to the extremely narrow margin between the two sides.

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Mr. Burrows expressed the hope that there would be no objection to the request.

Without opposition the request of Mr. Chandler was agreed to.

QUEEN THANKS DUBLIN PEOPLE.

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DUBLIN, April 10.—Queen Victoria, the authorities here have informed the citizens of Dublin of her arrival at the reception accorded her yesterday.

Her majesty took her customary drive in her chair to the Viceregal grounds this morning.

Thousands of people repaired to Kingsbridge today to witness the maneuvers of the channel fleet. The bay presented a most picturesque appearance, being crowded with craft of all kinds. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Dr. John Morris, and the Viceregal party boarded the fleet and other vessels, on which they remained during the progress of the evolution.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS DELAYED.

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MORE FLOODS FEARED IN TEXAS.

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DALLAS, Texas, April 10.—The flood situation in Texas today remained practically the same as yesterday. Most of the rivers appear to be at a standstill, but more rises are feared as the weather is hot and dry, and the situation here is serious in the Indian Territory.

A bullet from Denison says the river there is slowly rising. The Canadian river is very high and its rising waters are nearly up to the tracks of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway.

DEATH CAME IN DRAMATIC FORM.

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CORUNA, Spain, April 9.—While a priest was administering the last sacrament to a dying man in the presence of his relatives near here the floor of the room collapsed and the dying man and others were killed and fourteen were injured.

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GEORGE MOSBACHER STARTS FOR EUROPE.

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C. A. Webster's Estate.

Evelyn Florence Webster has applied for letters of administration on the estate of her late husband, Clarence Albert Webster, who died on March 15th last.

The estate consists of a life property of \$2,900, and the widow there are three sons and the mother of deceased.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Cake Lard, one Quintal Tabasco. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Pure Sugar Easter Eggs. For the children at Lehnhardt's 1159 Broadway.

C. W. Kinsey Dealer in New Style Household Furniture, Carpets, Ranges, Etc. Modern furniture bought, exchanged or sold on installment payments. Cash discount 10 per cent from installment price. 42-44 Thirteenth street.

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BOARD TO CALL FOR MANY BIDS.

Wells to Be Bored and City Slips to Be Dredged.

At the meeting this morning of the Board of Public Works it was decided to hold a special meeting Friday afternoon to advertise funds for boring wells.

In the Roberts property at San Francisco, the bids will be called for boring wells.

In the city, the bids will be called for dredging the slips along the city wharf at the foot of Franklin street.

Mayor Snow suggested that with the \$500 appropriated by the City Council, the city could be given a dredger.

The following letter was read from M. J. KELLER:

"Gentlemen: I beg leave to remind you of a request made to your secretary by myself and others, viz: that Washington street between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets be not unnecessarily obstructed during the construction of the De-Premises.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Dewey—"The Plunger," Our Club's West's Minstrels, California—"Bachelor's Romance," Grand Opera House—"James Webb's, T. S. S. Boston," "Tivoli"—"The Bohemian Girl," Orpheum—Vaudeville, Alice—Two Years," Tanager Park, S. F.—Races all week.

PICNICS AT SHELL MOUND PARK.

Sunday, April 15th—Portuguese Union of Oakland and San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY.....APRIL 11, 1900.

THE BELGIAN HARE FAD.

Those who recall the blue grass craze of twenty years ago, when no house was so humble as not to possess at least one window the panes of which were stained a deep marine, may be pardoned for seeing something akin to it in the present fever that manifests itself in the acquisition of pedigree Belgian "hares" so called. The "hare" is really the well known Ostend rabbit of the English markets, esteemed for the firm yet tender flesh and pleasant flavor, and is the base of those glorious rabbit pies so graphically described by Dickens and other writers.

A milder sort of way the animal has a following in England sufficiently large to achieve a few lines in special papers devoted to fancy stock, but even pet mice receive more attention. Here in Western America, however, and especially in California, the Belgian hare has been erected into an idol before which all other fads must bow down, and in consequence what at first attracted small attention has now developed into an important industry with thousands of dollars invested in it, with exclusive exhibitions and with newspapers and literature all its own.

In the prices charged for the animals, such as \$5 a pair for pedigree stock, their value as food cannot be considered, and, after all, why "pedigreed"? What value lies in the knowledge of a rabbit's ancestry? The only rational conception of raising it is for food, and if properly cooked one of the breed is no better than another. Pedigreed horses, cows, chickens—these we can understand—but rabbits, except in some notable cases, in such exemptions, where a strain shows sterility for carrying on the color and shape demanded at bench shows, high prices can and will be paid by those ambitious to win honors for their stock; but one average Belgian hare is just so much meat and no more, and, pedigree or not, is only an Ostend rabbit after all. A pedigree Jack rabbit from the San Joaquin plains would mean just as much to a Jack rabbit fancier, if there were such a thing.

As in all crazes, some enthusiasts lose their heads and advance ridiculous schemes, as in this some promoters of the fancy have urged the delirious project of letting loose a hundred pairs of Belgian hares and allowing them to propagate in the wild state here. What would they have us do? Live on rabbits all the time? Why, even in England, where immense numbers of Ostend rabbits are imported, rabbit pie served often than once a fortnight is apt to excite murmuring. Yet we would have to live on such meat if this project were carried out, for there could be nothing else. We are having trouble enough with the Jack rabbit pest now, without running the risk of repeating the experiment that has cost Australia so dear. California cannot afford it.

A TURN OF THE TIDE.

Probably no one is more surprised at the turn events have taken in the Free State than Lord Roberts himself. A month ago, when the capture of Cronje's army and the successful entry into Bloemfontein followed each other in rapid succession, it looked as if the end were at hand. The Boers were retreating in every direction, while flags hoisted on the farm-houses as the invading troops advanced told of a desire on the part of the Burghers to lay down the sword and take up the plowshare; President Steyn of the Orange Free State had fled to Pretoria, and told his neighbor Kruger of his vain efforts to rally his men—in fact, it looked as if the Boer cause was without even a forlorn hope. Under these conditions it was certainly justifiable to figure that there would be little more to be told save of the march of a conqueror. As if to emphasize the helplessness of the situation as far as the Boers were concerned, Com Paul was represented as making frantic appeals to the European powers to intercede and save his little republic, and the cold official shoulder that was turned to him in every instance seemed but to add to the gloom.

Now, however, all is changed. Within the past two weeks the British have suffered a couple of reverses and Lord Rob-

erts has been compelled to fortify Bloemfontein so as to avoid the possibility of its being recaptured by the Boers. A new life seems to have been instilled into the Burghers, for instead of their leaders being unable to get them to even act on the defensive, they are now on the aggressive again and are harassing the movements of the English. Instead of there being an open road to Pretoria, too, for Lord Roberts and his men, it is certain that era the Boer capital can be reached, one of the bloodiest battles of the war will have to be fought, knowledge of which is making the English leaders pause in their onward movement.

While the ultimate result of all this increased activity would possibly be the same if pursued to a final issue in the field, the immediate effects are likely to prove highly beneficial to the Boers, for it will give them a better footing upon which to treat for peace. With their forces in full flight and practically no opposition offered to the invading hosts, a demand of unconditional surrender could well be made, but with the prospects of another long and expensive campaign, some concessions would undoubtedly be granted. England would do well to extend clemency to a foe that has proved so worthy of her steel, and the efforts of those who are desirous of terminating the hostilities should be redoubled at this time, when the indications are more favorable for a half way satisfactory settlement than can be obtained later on, when England will be in a position to autocratically determine just what shall be done.

If that ordinance passes across the bay by which those who have to stand in street cars are entitled to half fare, custom will be reversed and it will be hard to get any one to sit down. It won't be considered a case of politeness then when a man offers to give his seat to one of the fair sex, but rather an attempt to do her out of 2½ cents.

Heavy frosts are reported from several points in the interior, but it is strange that Sacramento is omitted from the list of sufferers. Paderevski's diary will show that he ran across the most severe frost in the Capital City that he has encountered during his entire travels in the West.

Those reports about the unsanitary condition of Cape Nome are hard to believe in view of the fact that scarcely a day passes by up there that they don't have a clean-up.

A mirror trust has been formed in the East. This is one that Bryan won't dare attack, for it is evident that silver is at the back of it.

CONVENTION OF PROHIBITIONISTS.

A district convention of Prohibitionists will convene in Hamilton Hall, San Francisco, on Saturday, for the purpose of adopting a general slate of candidates for the National Convention, and such other business as may come before it. This convention promises to be of more than usual importance to the national chairman of the party, Oliver W. Stewart, a speaker of national reputation, is to be present at the day session and address a mass meeting in Hamilton Hall in the evening.

Other speakers are coming from a distance, including H. C. Neetham, the State chairman from Los Angeles; C. T. Clark of Napa, Judge Ellicott of Stockton, and probably Rev. W. Webb of San Francisco, president of the South-Side League of N. Y.; Von Taylor of Byron and Rev. F. H. Wales of Cornwall. No doubt many others will attend who have not yet notified the secretary.

Special addresses will be delivered by Mr. Charlton Edgerton, subject "The Knights of the Nineteenth Century"; by James L. Hinckley, president of the Young People's Christian Temperance Union of California; subject "New Requirements by Congress in War"; by State Chairman Neetham and others.

In the morning at 10:30 o'clock an informal conference will be held over by National Chairman Stewart, who will be in upper Hamilton Hall.

The convention will also adopt memorial resolutions on the death of the late Prohibition leader, General John Bidwell of Chico.

Couples United.

John Detress Reed of Washington, D. C., and Miss Francis Robertson Kessler of San Jose were married yesterday afternoon by Judge Stetson.

Elmer Kande and Miss Margaret Garvey of San Francisco were married in the County Clerk's office yesterday afternoon by Judge Stetson.

DESERVES IT.**Remarkable Success of a New Treatment For Piles.**

For many years it has been supposed that the only absolutely sure cure for piles was by surgical operation, but the danger to life and the pain and expense has been so great that many thousands suffer for years rather than submit to this last resort; or they seek the temporary relief in the many remedies claimed to relieve piles and rectal troubles, salves, ointments and similar simple remedies which give only slight and very temporary relief.

A new preparation which is painless and harmless, but which affords immediate relief and in many cases a complete cure in a very short time, is sold by druggists under the name of Pyramid Pile Cure.

It is in suppository form used at night and its regular use has cured thousands of obstinate, long-standing cases, and it seems to be equally effective in all the various forms of piles, whether itching, bleeding or protruding.

The Pyramid Pile Cure allays the inflammation and intolerable itching, reduces the tumors, and its astringent properties cause the enlarged blood vessels to contract to a normal, healthy condition.

A Baltimore gentleman relates his experiences with the Pyramid Pile Cure in these words:

"It affords me unusual pleasure to add my endorsement to those of others relative to your really wonderful p. remedy. I was a sufferer for years until told by a fellow salesmen of the Pyramid Pile Cure. It has entirely cured me and I cheerfully send this for publication if you wish to use it in that direction. I wish you would send me one of your little books on cause and cure of piles. I desire to show it to some friends."

Any pile sufferer may use the Pyramid Pile Cure with certainty that it will give instant relief and regular use gives a permanent cure, and the still further certainty that it contains no cocaine, morphine or metallic or mineral poison.

All druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure. 50 cents for full-size treatment.

BEN BERGEN GOES TO JAIL**Oakland Young Man Is Accused of Theft.**

Benjamin C. Bergen, the son of Attorney E. F. Bergen of this city, has been arrested in San Francisco on a serious charge. The young man is an assayer in the United States Branch Mint, and he is accused of having taken small quantities of gold from the mint from day to day. Bergen is said to have sold his guilt and to have handed \$10 worth of gold to the arresting officers with the remark that they had him all right.

For two years it had been known that the Mint, but all efforts to detect the criminal had been unsuccessful.

Miss Louise Morgan will speak before the Oakland Club this afternoon on the need of vocational schools in West Oakland. Miss Palmer of Boston, of the work of the Highclifemont Club, will speak on the way of vocational schools.

Last night the father of the prisoner had a severe attack of heart failure superinduced by his son's arrest. He has employed Henry C. McPike to defend the young man.

When the little family circle is broken and we sit sadly looking upon the vacant chair, we think of the things that perhaps we might have done to keep the loved one with us. Why not think of these things now before it is too late? It is a kind, loving and hard-working mother who is giving up her strength and efforts for the family well-being as a sacrifice. Let us be gentle, fragile sister; or a weak and ailing wife. Try to give her the tender care she needs. Do not let her fade away for want of earnest effort to preserve and restore her.

An Ohio lady, Mrs. Shropshire, living in Bayonne, in a thoughtful letter to Dr. R. V. Pease, says: "My son, John, was born May 10, 1876, and died Jan. 1, 1896. My mother had an ovarian tumor which we thought would result in her death, but we commenced using your 'Favorite Prescription,' and before she had lived to day we have given her a full year's credit. My mother was sixty-six years old when the tumor commenced to grow; she is still growing, but is quite well again. She has gotten very large and has been able to swell before she began to use your medicine. I value it so much that I am hardly ever out of it in my house."

This is but one of many thousands of instances of miraculous cures. Prescription has restored and completed health and purification to the distract female organism as to dispel every possible trace of abnormal or dangerous conditions without resort to surgery or similar obnoxious methods. For every form of female weakness and disease it is the supreme specific designed for one purpose and no other—educated skillful physician of extraordinary experience in this particular field of practice.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. At all medicine stores.

Concilia 13 and 15, the Portuguese Union of California will hold a grand reunion at Shellmound Park next Sunday. Elaborate preparations are being made for the outing. The president of Council No. 13 is C. Leaf Scott, president of the Portuguese Union of Hayward, while John A. da Silva is the president of Council No. 15. These gentlemen have the celebration in charge, and its success is assured.

Union numbers about 10,000 members, divided among forty-five lodges, and they have a credit balance at their bankers' of over \$50,000.

Assistant Paymaster of the Navy Samuel Knowles, son of Mrs. W. V. Welch of this city, is expected home shortly on a furlough. He is acting paymaster of the United States cruiser Yorktown, having taken the position of Paymaster Firedrake, who succeeded Thomas C. Phelan, director met late and elected J. H. T. Watkinson president, William J. Lingee vice-president, and Walter C. Beattie secretary.

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The stockholders of the Contra Costa Water Company held their regular annual meeting yesterday, for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected were Mr. J. H. Day, Andrew W. Rose, E. J. McCutcheon, William G. Henshaw, J. H. T. Watkinson, George E. Pope and C. E. Beattie, being the same board as last year. The election of Mr. Beattie, who succeeded Thomas C. Phelan, director met late and elected J. H. T. Watkinson president, William J. Lingee vice-president, and Walter C. Beattie secretary.

The nominating committee of the Athenian Club has proposed the following officers and candidates for election: President, John A. Boston; vice-president, Andrew W. Rose; directors, P. L. Wheeler, James P. Taylor and C. E. Palmer. The committee consists of Wallace Everson, C. W. Kellogg, A. P. Brayton Jr. and P. H. Remillard.

MISS LANE IN CHICAGO COURT.

An Oakland Girl Has Trouble Over Convict's Estate.

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KRELING'S DEATH
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GYMNASIUM FOR
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Inquest Will Be Re-
sumed at Berkeley
Tomorrow,
Hearst Hall Will be
Used by U. C.
Co-eds.

BERKELEY, April 11.—No light has yet been shed on the mystery surrounding the death of F. W. Kreling of San Francisco, whose body was found in the bay near the West Berkeley shipyards ten days ago. The garden theory advanced as the result of the post mortem examination is being discredited. It is now thought that the blow on the chest, which the physicians say was the cause of death, must have been caused by the paddle wheel of a steamer.

The fact that on the Friday night previous to his death Kreling was seen on the steamer Dauntless and known to have gone as far as Antioch is strong evidence that he was killed. He had been shot and was drawn under the wheel, receiving the suction of the wheel, receiving the blow which caused his death.

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BLUE AND GOLD WILL SOON BE ISSUED.

BERKELEY, April 11.—Blue and Gold, the annual publication of the junior class of the University of California, will be put on the market April 20th. It will be one of the best books in history, and it is expected to be a number of sensational surprises, though it is believed there will be no severe cartoons of faculty members, as appeared last year.

The book will be dedicated to President Denison. The book and will be sold at his photograph as a frontispiece. As last year, there will be 200 pages of reading matter, thirty pages more of jokes and a great many more sketches. There are thirty artists represented, twenty-five of whom are from the East. There will be a poem by Edwin Marchant, something about the Hearst International competition and a poem of tribute to Mrs. Hearst.

The outside artist represented are J. G. St. Clair, R. C. Curran, Stebbins, Mr. Christy and W. H. Bull of San Francisco and Peter Newell, an Eastern artist.

ANTI-SALOON FORCES READY TO FIGHT.

PERKELEY, April 11.—The decision of the Supreme Court as to the legality of the ordinance against saloons in Berkeley is being analyzed and by the anti-saloon forces, who have employed additional legal talent to assist Town Attorney Hayes in prosecuting the case now before the Supreme Court.

At a meeting held Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League \$25 was raised to aid in carrying on the fight against saloons.

BICYCLE RACE.
The Berkeley Cycle Club is arranging for a four mile bicycle race to take place on April 13th. The race will be for a handsome gold medal appropriate and engraved. The race will take place around the University and San Pablo avenue loop.

TULLY MAY BECOME A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR.

BERKELEY, April 11.—Richard Walton Tully of the State University, who is playing the title part in "The Bostonians" at the Grand Opera House this week, has been offered an Eastern theatrical position and will in all probability accept it when he completes his college course next year. The position is an acting engagement for one of Frohman's New York stock companies and carries with it a generous salary and the opportunity to secure a splendid training in the practical business of the stage. It is this training which is especially coveted by many young actors and Mr. Tully is eager to obtain it before attempting anything more pretentious than his very successful college effort.

Arper Again Sued.

Hector Hobson and associates of Attorneys F. W. Arper have brought suit against George W. Arper to collect \$350 alleged to be a balance due on a claim of \$899 for attorney's fees.

HAPPY FAMILY,

When They Got Rid of the Coffee Habit.

A little woman out in Oswego, Ill., tells about her husband having determined to see if he could not make her quit coffee drinking, which he believed to be the cause of her constant neuralgia and general nervousness, brought home several packages of Postum Food Coffee which he had discovered, by trying elsewhere, to be good.

She says: "What in the world had he brought home five packages for, I could not understand; nevertheless, I quit coffee and started in on Postum Food Coffee. I did not have much faith in the change doing me any good, but was astonished to discover that my neuralgia left me almost at once, and the nervous troubles kept getting less and less."

"Little daughter at that time had been ill and could eat little or nothing. She was pale and thin. As soon as I discovered how Postum treated me, I began to give it to her. She liked it very much, and would drink it when she would take nothing else. She began to pick up rapidly and got plump and round and rosy.

"I don't care what sort of food there is in Postum so long as it treats me as it has. It is plain enough the food contained in Postum Coffee is good, and that's all we want to know. I am rid of neuralgia and nervousness, and am a healthy woman. Husband has also been improved, and daughter is well and happy, as I stated above. With best wishes."

MRS. NELLIE TREYMAN.

RED RIVER IS RISING FAST.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.

DENISON, Tex., April 11.—High water is reported in all the Red River territory. The Red River is rising ten feet within the past twenty-four hours.

The Washita is on a big boom, and an overflow is threatened.

Agents from Texarkana say that the Red River has risen eight feet and is increasing rapidly, and that the water will come from the upper tributaries and will be augmented by the heavy waterspouts of the past twenty-four hours in this section. The Sulphur River and Little River are also "booming," the latter being out of its banks in the lower lands.

Arizona Man's Troubles.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, April 11.—George W. Hull, the reputed millionaire and mine owner of Arizona, who was arrested yesterday on a telegram from Providence, was again arraigned today. On request of defendant, his trial was remanded until next Friday to give the other side time to present an opportunity to reach this city and take the prisoner. Hull had no sooner been placed in the jail attached to Jefferson Market Court, when his counsel filed a returnable at 11:30 before Judge Fitzgerald of the Supreme Court.

Swindler Sentenced.

NEW YORK, April 11.—James E. Kellogg, the head of the E. S. Dean Company, was today sentenced to seven years and six months in State Prison.

CLOSE FIGURING IN THE HOUSE.

Both Sides Massing
Forces on Porto
Rico Bill.

Associated Press Dispatches by The Tribune's Special Leased Wire.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Interest in the Porto Rican bill was manifested in the House of Representatives today in the final contest over the Porto Rican bill. At 11 o'clock the Committee on Rules assembled in Speaker Henderson's private office and settled the day's program, fixing the final vote for 5 o'clock today.

The Speaker and Messrs. Dalzell and Grosvenor voted for the special rule, and Mr. Richardson, the Democratic member of the committee, voted against it.

Early in the day the party managers were exerting their utmost endeavors to assemble a full vote. The measures adopted were almost unprecedented in their thoroughness. On the Republican side there were twenty-five or thirty absentees, but Representative Long, the Republican whip, was in telegraphic communication with every one of these and knew on what train each would arrive. Mr. Long summed up his work by saying that every Republican Representative would be present or paired with a single exception, excepting Dr. Malone, and it was his duty to pair him later.

"It is impossible to guard against sickness, flood or disaster," said Mr. Long, "but barring unforeseen mishaps, I look for the passage of the bill as it came from the Senate by a majority of from three to nine."

Representative Richardson, the Democratic floor leader, would not venture a prediction, saying that with such a narrow margin one unexpected mishap might turn the tide.

Underwood, the Democratic "whip," counted on not more than five Democratic absentees, three of them being sick, but the Republican estimate of Democrats unpaired ran up to nine, viz., Bailey of Texas, St. John of Missouri, Fox of Illinois, Cushing of Kansas, and Robertson, Davy and Meyer of Louisiana. The total list includes Robertson, Crowley and Bigley. It was expected however, that Mr. Nichols of Michigan would not vote for the bill, and Mr. Tamm, of Wisconsin, would not vote for the vote, and Mr. Tamm was expected by train. The Democratic members also claimed that a pack had been arranged for Mr. Bailey, which would have to be accepted.

The half score of Republican members who oppose the bill held a conference at the Capitol shortly before noon. Eight members were present, and as the report presented showed that a total of eight Representatives would be absent, the bill could be rejected upon Mr. McCullough's motion.

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VOICE CO. KORTEN'S Grocery, Thirtieth street and Telegraph Avenue.

WENTWORTH'S Drug Store, corner of Thirteenth Avenue and Fourteenth street, East Oakland.

J. J. WESTLAKE'S Emeryville Pharmacy, San Pablo and Park avenues.

GENERAL NOTICES

PARTIES having clothes being washed by Sing Chung Lung of 517 Seventh st. will have a call and fully identify their clothes and same will be delivered to them addressed. The proprietor is too sick to attend to his business.

LASCURETTE'S French Laundry, 364 and Oak street, near Franklin st., Oakland; lace curtains and embroideries a specialty; articles called for and delivered promptly.

PRACTICAL GLAZIERS—R. W. Savage & Co., 907 Seventh st.; glass for windows, lime glazing done to order; glass, lime and cement; all work secured promptly and satisfactorily; telephones main 145. b

SAMUEL C. KING, house painter and paper hanger; work guaranteed first-class. Shop 576 Tenth st., near Franklin Residence, 910 Willow st. Telephone 1658 black.

GENTLE TICKET holders free. M. & K. 29 Market st., San Francisco. b

NEW and second-hand furniture bought and sold at H. Davis' 835 Broadway. b

FOR "Up-to-Date Signs" see ALTEDORF, 301 San Pablo ave., cor. Clay and Seventeenth st. Tel. green 424. b

ALAMEDA Window Cleaning Company, room 15, 1004 Broadway, Oakland, agents for the Sanitary Dust Layer. Floors and walls scrubbed; janitor work etc. Try the Sanitary Dust Layer. It is owned by a practical sales man and sprinkles and keeps floor free from microbes. Phone 642 main. G. Ficione. b

OAKLAND Window Cleaning Co., 513 Seventh st.; order box S. w. cor. Twelfth and Broadway; cleaning show cases, looking glasses, windows, paints, floors scrubbed, etc.; contracts by week or month; phone 642 main. G. Ficione. b

PERSONALS

20-INCH SWITCHES for 12¢ all this week every customer will receive a package of the fine El Portico Rouge free; Quinton's Hair Tone 3½ cent bottle; Farno Shampoo 5¢ package; hair dressing 2½ cent. G. Lederer, 123 Stockton st., San Francisco. c

PROF. ALVIN EMERSON CLARK, Hindu psychic palmist, solar biologist, thermometerologist, mental and physical healer; many successes; corrective hypnotic therapeutics. Brunswick Hotel, Ninth and Washington sts. c

JAPANESE shoemaker, 536 Sixteenth St.; San Pablo Avenue. Made to order to fit. Repairing neatly done. Lowest rates. c

ALAMEDA OFFICE Oakland Tribune, 1502 Park St., near Santa Clara ave.; advertisements and subscriptions received.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Round pin, blue enamel and pearls. Return to Howell-Dohmann Co., and receive reward.

LOST—Small bay mare with cut on right knee. Address H. Barr, Dimond F. O. reward.

LOST—April 5th, fox terrier with tag No. 850. Return to 1490 Adeline st.; reward.

LOST—A diamond horseshoe pin with white and blue stones, at station Seventh and Broadway. Liberal reward by returning to this office.

LOST—A purse containing ring and about eighteen dollars in money; between Twenty-sixth and San Pablo and Twenty-eighth and Peralta. Return to 133 Magnolia and receive reward.

PIG DOG—LOST—Left hind leg lame. Finder please return to 92 Broadway and receive liberal reward.

LOST—April 7th, gold eyeglass frames with one glass. Please return to this office. Reward.

THE PARTY that found pearl lizard pin March 5th is known. Return to 214 Eleventh street and save trouble. r

EDUCATIONAL AND MUSICAL

J. F. PALMER, teacher of mandolin, guitar and banjo; director of Palmer's Mandolin Orchestra; Juvenile Mandolin and Guitar Club and Ladies' Banjo Quintet. If interested in these instruments you are welcome to club rehearsals Saturday evenings. Macdonald's Bidg. rooms 1 and 2, Oakland. v

S. C. BALDWIN—Banjo, mandolin, guitar teacher; instruments free to pupils to take home; latest music transposed to above instruments. 630 Fourteenth cor. Grove; phone black 2501. v

HEALD'S Business College—Electrical, mining and civil engineering, both theoretical and practical, bookkeeping, shorthand, penmanship, chemistry, assaying, and everything pertaining to business. 26 Post St. S. F. Catalogue free. v

ARCHITECTS

THOMAS DEAN NEWSOM, architect, Blake & Moffitt building, 905 Broadway, Oakland; rooms 34 and 35; take elevator, residence, 1374 Fifth Ave.; printed blank specifications for sale.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

COTTON BROS. & CO., bridge builders and general contractors, engineers and builders of all kinds of bridge work; pile driving and wharf building. 4737 Twelfth St., Oakland; telephone six.

CARPET CLEANING

MATHEWS' Carpet Beating Works, corner 18th and Telegraph Avenue.

FOR EXCHANGE

TRADE Columbia wheel for buggy. "L." Tribune office.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT

\$6—TWO sunny furnished rooms, complete for housekeeping. 555 Twelfth st. n

PRETTY furnished front suite; gas, bath, mantel and closet; new carpets; no children. N. E. cor. Grove and Twenty-second sts.

FURNISHED alcove bay window room; reasonable. No. 766 Sixteenth st. n

TO LET—Sunny side room, furnished; \$6 per month. 70 Tenth st. n

GERMAN HOUSE, 884 Washington st.; laundry rooms \$5 to \$10; front housekeeping; gas stove \$10 to \$14. n

LARGE sunny front room; gas and bath; private family; rent \$8; two blocks west of Washington st.; gentlemen only. Apply 618 Eighth st.

TWO ROOMS, complete for housekeeping, Apply 313 Thirteenth st. n

NICELY FURNISHED rooms, rent reasonable; near local trains, day, week. 580 Broadway, corner Seventeenth st. n

GERMANIA HOTEL, 855 Washington st.; furnished sunny rooms, single or on suite; very light housekeeping; privileges; prices moderate; new management.

FURNISHED ROOMS for housekeeping; modern improvements; also single rooms; reduced rent. 419 Sixth st. n

BEAUTIFUL sunny rooms; housekeeping if desired; day, week or month. Davis Building, 1055 Washington, corner Eleventh st. n

FOUNDRY ROOMS TO LET

FOUR ROOMS, \$6 per month. 805 Castro st. m

FOUR unfurnished rooms, upper flat; for light housekeeping; gas, large sunroom. 58 Twenty-fourth st., near Telegraph ave. m

TO LET—HOUSES UNFURNISHED

SIX ROOM COTTAGE, new, modern, reasonable; near Webster st. bridge. Key at 370 Fifth st. 1

FOR RENT—48; four room cottage with large bay window; chicken house, large yard, fruit trees, etc. 310—51. Five room cottage with stable and large yard.

10—Corner store, with three living rooms. R. J. Montgomery, 470 Thirteenth st., Oakland.

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Contestant in Reliance Club Bout Failed to Train.

to Cora E. Ruggles wif Wm. Baily, Lots 10, 11 and 16 blk 1, Daley's Scenic Park lot, \$10.
Apr. 9, 1900—Cora E. & Wm. Ruggles to Geo. C. Wilson, Bkly. Same, \$10.
Apr. 2, 1900—John Josephine Jacobs & B. T. Tyson, Jr. & Alice E. Overacker to Niles L. O. T. Hall Assn (cptn), Wash Tp. Lots 11 and 12 blk 57, Town of Niles, also personal prop., \$5.

MORTGAGES.

Feb. 23, 1900—Hermann and Lena White to Pacific Natl Bank, Okd, Lot 29, S 100 ft, 6 mos, \$10 per year, \$18.
April 6, 1900—Charlotte A or Charlotte A French to Central Bank, Okd, N 9th st 15, W Kirkham st W 25 X N 100 being the E 1/2 Lot 10 on Map of Plot 365 and being lot 12 blk 55. Consideration money advanced.
April 7, 1900—D H and Alice E Buell to Arville Cary, Okd, SE Locksley av 150 NE Summer st ND 50 X SE 100, being lot 30 blk 50, Locksley Square, 10 mos, \$1 per cent, \$1,000.

DEEDS OF TRUST.

April 9, 1900—D J and Dema Grager to R. J. McMullen and W C Moody trs State Savings Bank, Okd, E Telegraph av prior to widening 2238 N Durst at N 25 2/3 E 15 1/2 S 27 1/2 E 100, being pt lot 10 blk 58, Foothill Blvd, Foothills, \$1,000.

April 9, 1900—Lizzie C and Jas S Natsmith to Isaac L Requa and W V Garthwaite trs Old Bank of Savings, Okd, SE Walsworth av 339 N Bay St, San Francisco, 70 x 50 ft, being lot 10 blk 57 lot 7 blk 1, Linda Vista Terrace, \$1,000.

April 6, 1900—E G or Edwin G and Kate G Folger to Same, Okd, N Chetwood st 237 1/2 E Perry St N 28 5/8 E 61 4/8 S to N Chetwood st W 25 X N 100, being pt lot 5 blk 55, Foothill Blvd, Foothills, \$1,000.

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May 6, 1900—Robt W. & Louise T. Graff to H. S. Evans, Alameda, N 8th st 161 4/8 S N San Jose st 50 2 1/2 N 50 S 50 E 100 11 to beg being pt lot 8 blk 5, Lds adj to Encinal, \$1250.

April 10, 1900—E W. Watcher to Wm. G. Thompson, E. P. Parsons Union Banking Bank, Bldg. C, N W Hopkins st and Frutivale av W 50 x N 125 being Lot 6 and part lot 5, blk 2, Dimond tract, \$1050.

May 21, 1900—R. W. Tutt to Myron T. Old, H. H. Hooleman, Ira Ernest A. Heron, Old, N Railroad av 47 or 25 L 25 Lincoln st W 47 x N 100, being lot 16 and E 22 ft lot 15, blk 53, \$1000.

Mar. 31, 1900—Same to Same, Okd, N Railroad av 47 or 25 L 25 Lincoln st W 47 x N 100 E 70 or 20 N 30 E 70 S 100 to beg, \$200.

April 10, 1900—Myron T. Holcomb to H. E. Houghton, E Okd, SH 25 at NE 18th st ND 25 x SE 100, being lot 107, \$1000.

April 10, 1900—H. C. Campbell trs S. F. Savings Union, Ridy, S Berkeley Hwy 232 Center St E 100 x S 200 being lots 4, 5, 13 ad 15 blk 2, Shaw tract, \$1500.

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PITCHER NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Coroner's Jury Says Banker Was Insane When He Took His Life.

The verdict rendered last evening by the Coroner's jury in the case of Henry Hillsdale Pitcher, was as follows:

"We the jury do find that the name of the deceased was Henry Hillsdale Pitcher, aged about 49 years, a native of California, and that he came to his death at Livermore, Alameda county, California, at about 6 o'clock A. M., April 8, 1900, and that death was caused by a gunshot wound in the brain, self-inflicted by the deceased with suicidal intent, while temporarily insane."

"Approved: H. B. MEHRMANN, Coroner."

The inquest over the remains of the late H. H. Pitcher, manager and cashier of the Bank of Livermore in this county was held in the branch morgue in Livermore, last night, by Coroner Mehrmann and resulted in a verdict to the effect that death had been caused by a gunshot wound in the brain, self-inflicted by the deceased with suicidal intent while temporarily insane.

The verdict was returned by a jury of seven people as follows: A. Bistorous, W. H. Taylor, H. R. Crane, D. A. Smith, M. E. Horton, A. J. Henry, Charles E. Beck. Only four witnesses were examined. The widow of the deceased was not present and no reference was made to the letter which, it is known, Mr. Pitcher wrote to her on Sunday last when she was in Berkeley and which had not been delivered at the time she was summoned to Livermore by the tragic ending of her husband. Coroner Mehrmann said he could not compel either Mrs. Pitcher or the Postmaster of Berkeley to surrender the letter. Whether or not the missive would show that Mr. Pitcher had premeditated suicide, of course, will be known only to the recipient, unless that lady should decide to make known the contents of the note. An intimation has been given that the letter or packet forwarded contained life-insurance policies, but, if such should be the case, it would be convincing that the deceased had intended self-destruction.

During the inquest, the notes of which were transcribed by Harry Polisifer there was no person present save four witnesses and the jurors and the Coroner, and Deputy Coroner Horton, although the sitting was held with open doors.

FRED MATHIESSEN.

The first witness was Fred Mathiesen, assistant cashier of the Bank of Livermore. He testified that he was a book-keeper. The questions were propounded by Dr. Mehrmann.

"You are engaged in book-keeping in the Bank of Livermore?"

"Yes."

"You were acquainted with the deceased?"

"Yes."

"What was his full name?"

"Henry Hillsdale Pitcher."

"What age?"

"He was born in August 1850."

"Where was he born?"

"I believe in Placer county. I read it in some paper that he was born in California."

"You were well acquainted with the deceased and met him night and day?"

"Yes."

"When did you last see him alive?"

"Last Sunday evening."

"When?"

"When he left me in the Bank."

"What time of the day?"

"A quarter past seven. He came in on the evening train, and I went down to meet him. We walked together to the office. He gave me some work to do. He said he wanted to have it ready for the next day. He said it would not be necessary for me to wait until he returned, as he was going out to get something to eat. That was the last time I saw him."

"What was the condition of his mind?"

"He was in possession of his faculties. He has been a little nervous since this trial."

"You conversed with him on business matters?"

"It was in relation to some work which he wanted to send down to Oakland in the morning, that was to be used in the Verney case."

"Did he seem to be despondent, as if he was tired of living?"

"No."

"When next did you see him?"

"I haven't seen him since. I have not had time. After I heard of his death, I have had all that I could do to attend to the business of the bank. The lawyers called for a showing of the real estate taken under foreclosure. That list I made. They also wanted a list of the securities. I worked all day Sunday at the bank making out the list. We had arranged to have the books taken by the regular express messenger, but Mr. Pitcher changed his mind. He said 'I'll take them down myself. I want to use the ledger myself.' He told me to see the express messenger and tell him that he need not wait for the books that they would go round the other way."

"Did you talk any more with him before he died?"

"No. He said, he was going to Mally's to eat."

"Did you have any reason to believe that he meditated suicide?"

"Prior to his examination, he had been nervous but when he returned Friday evening, he seemed to be quite cheerful. He said they had treated him very nicely."

"You never heard him mention suicide?"

"No."

"Have you ever seen this pistol?" (Witness was handed the pistol found in the hand of the deceased.)

"Yes."

"Whose pistol is it?"

"I believe it is Mr. Pitcher's personal property. Sometimes he took it home."

"He used to take it for protection?"

"I presume so."

"Where did you last see the pistol?"

"I can't say positively. I think it was in the bank on Friday or Saturday."

"Where was it kept?"

"Under the counter. At night we put it in the vault, so that if any person was around there he could not get it."

"You think this pistol is the same one you saw on Friday or Saturday?"

"Yes."

"You haven't seen it since?"

"No."

"You are positive that it is the same pistol?"

"Yes."

The Coroner then asked the jurors if

called him, because he had slept too late. I think he had been at a dinner with Dr. Robertson. He told me when he slept late in the morning, I milked the cows and took some milk to a friend and some to the creamery. When I came back from the creamery I saw that he was not up. I went in, but did not knock at his room and knocked, but did not answer. I then went into the sitting room. I knocked harder. There was no answer. I called, 'Mr. Pitcher, but he did not answer. I then went on the outside to another door. I knocked three times and again got no answer. Then went in again to the house and knocked at the other door. No answer came to me. I then opened the door. It was not locked. I did not try the knob before I went in. I saw the man was lying on the bed. His clothes were on the chair. He was lying on his left side. I touched him on the shoulder and said, 'Mr. Pitcher.' Nobody answered. I then went to Dr. Taylor's house and said, 'Dr. Taylor, you ought to go to Mr. Pitcher. Something has happened. I think he is sick.' He said, 'No, he went on the early train.' I said, 'You better come.' He came over to the house and took the clothes off Mr. Pitcher.

"Did you notice any disturbance?"

"No, he lay on the left side."

"What time did you go to the room?"

"About ten minutes to nine."

"Is a Juror?" "Did you hear a pistol shot?"

"No."

"If you had been in your room could you have heard the shot?"

"Yes." He fired the shot under the eiderdown. The sheet was marked with the powder."

"Was there anybody else in the house save yourself and Pitcher?"

"No."

"Have you ever seen this pistol?" [Indicating.]

"I think I've seen it several times. He always had a revolver in his belt between the mattresses near his head. He had a double-barrel shotgun always on the carpet on the floor under the bed."

"Approved: H. B. MEHRMANN, Coroner."

they had any question to ask, but no one propounded.

FRED MALLY.

Fred Mally testified that he was engaged in the saloon and restaurant business.

"You are well acquainted with Mr. Pitcher?" he was asked.

"I am," was the reply.

"You met him frequently?"

"Yes."

"When was the last time you saw him?"

"Sunday night, about ten minutes to ten."

"This closed the testimony, and the verdict was then returned.

LANGAN'S STATEMENT.

Attorney G. S. Langan, attorney for the Bank of Livermore, makes the following statement:

"There are only two items the heirs developed to date—first, the transaction in the Kennedy mining stock; second, the purchase of bank stock by the trustees of the late Mr. Taylor. Taylor bought ten shares of the Kennedy stock, and he had given away six shares which had been put in his name by old Thomas Varney when the bank was organized. Pitcher was a man in whom Varney had every confidence, and he had given the stock to his son. We were all in Pitcher's name. The stock had been originally in these gentleman's names. After Thomas Varney's death the trustees said they would prefer to own the stock themselves instead of being divided among the heirs. They bought it. Varney and Taylor paid cash for their stock and Pitcher paid \$100 cash, giving a note to the bank for the remaining \$800. After the sales of the bank stock the attorneys were informed and they advised Pitcher that the action was indefinite."

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